Maria Tucci, on Trial for Murder, Shows How Tragedy Took Place.

RELATIVE HAD WEAPON

Girl in Self-Defence Forced Revolver to Point at Mrs. Conti's Head.

For almost three hours Maria Tucci, 20, on trial for the murder of her sister, frs. Angelina Conti. at 99 West Houston on March 8, sat yesterday in the tness chair in Part V., General Sesas, before Judge Nott, and gave her sion of the death of her sister. Self-

Her voice was at times high pitched, anding even childish in comparison ith the deep voice of the elderly Italian preter. The climax in her ordeal reached when, after telling her Alfred J. Talley, Assistant Dis-Attorney, asked her to reenact the noting before the jury.

In his right hand the interpreter held

with which the girl shot her r. Then Maria showed how she had ted her sister after the latter had stened her with the weapon. Maria ad explained that they were sleeping ogether and that she had discovered a with which her sister had threat her and that she had hidden it is she returned to bed after hiding the knife Maria said her sister shoved the barrel of the revolver at her ribs and said: "You have hidden the knife, but I have something else to kill you with unless you do as I say." The struggle for the possession of the weapon ensued.

#### Interpreter Acts Part.

Taking the interpreter's right wrist with her right. Maria repeated, as she which the sisters went as they struggled in the bed in the dark room, the nine-ear-old daughter of her sister asleep beside them. Gradually she forced the left hand of her sister down to her side The right hand with the revolver passed above and behind her sister's head. The courtroom watched the pantomime as the gun went up, up, and then stopped. The girl turned her head toward Mr. Talley and the spectators for a second. Tears were streaming down her cheeks, we shad not finch. Her hand bent but she did not flinch. Her hand bent the wrist of the interpreter till the gun the wrist of the interpreter in the guar pointed at his head. She turned back to the interpreter, spoke rapidly in Sicilian dialect, pulled hard at his left hand and then turned again, her eyes saying what her tongue could not, "Is there anything more I can do? Please, do I have to stand here any longer? West to stand here any longer? Won't you let me sit down?"

Then the interpreter blurted out the

translation of her words to him. "We were struggling. Our hands were like that. The gun went off. My sister held the gun in her hand. I didn't touch it."

#### Surrenders Revolver.

and gave the revolver to Santos Mas cagli and told him she had had a quarknow that her sister had been hurt unti she read of it in an Italian newspaper the Wednesday following when she gay herself up to the Atlantic City police. The girl denied that she had told either Santos or Louis Mascagli that previously testified. She left the ho her sister's insistent demand that she lead the sort of life she said her sister

WRITE MOUNTAINS was living. The journey to Atlantic City was made because there was not room for her at her brother's house in

### KILLS HUSBAND IN JOKE TO WAKEN HIM

#### Paterson Woman 'Clicking' Pistol Fires Fatal Shot.

Police of Paterson were ready to be tieve last night that the shooting of Henry Mensing, aged 32, by his seventeen-year-old wife in their home there carly yesterday, was an accident. Three hours of continuous questioning failed to break down her story that Mensing's death was the outcome of a practical joke in which she planned to awaken him by the click of the revolver's ham-

According to Mrs. Mensing, the revolver from which the shot was fired was brought to their home Sunday by her mother, Mrs. Mary Loges of Rich-field. Mrs. Loges told the Mensings the revolver belonged to her husband

Mensing failed to awaken when Mrs. Mensing called him at 6 o'clock in the morning. She got the revolver and held it as she told the police, so the hammer would click on her husband's car. When would click on her husband's car. When also pulled the trigger the old cartridge was discharged and the bullet pene-trated Mensing's brain.

Mrs. Mensing was arraigned in the Recorder's Court on a technical charge of hemicide, pleaded not guilty and was held for the Grand Jury.

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